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STATEHOOD SITUATION.

Judge Bradford Talks of
The Coming Convention
Enthusiastically.

ONLY FOUR DISENTORS.

He Has Received 129 Answers to his Circular Letter And all But Four Favor His Proposition.

MAYOR OFFERS CITY.

Has Received Letters From Congressmen Favoring the Plan as Quickest Way to Settle the Indian Territory Question.

The Ardmoreite reporter yesterday asked Judge Bradford for an expression as to the progress thus far made in the single statehood movement, with which he has become so prominently identified. He said:

I am getting favorable replies from my circular letter. So far I have had 129 answers and only four adverse replies. I am satisfied that a majority of the papers in the Territory will favor the holding of the convention.

The mayor of South McAlester has wired me tendering us the city as a meeting place for the convention.

The people of Oklahoma are getting more enthusiastic.

I have received letters from Gov. Barnes, Attorney General Strang and others, all favoring the amalgamation of the two territories.

I am getting answers from some of my friends who are members of congress and so far they favor it, and say it is their opinion it is the quickest way for us to get relief.

Newspaper men in and out of

the Territory are interested.

I saw the special in the Kansas City Journal in which it was intimated that organized opposition to the movement was contemplated.

I am willing that those opposed may organize, for it will help us to bring to the surface all the questions that may be brought to bear before congress and settle the matter that much sooner. Congress must sift those things sooner or later, and if the opposition helps us to bring them to the front, the sooner the matter will be settled.

Without statehood or territorial organization the people are going to be restless and cause more embarrassment to the commissions and agencies of the government to look to the commission can take time unmolested practically by the United States citizens.

As it now is there is an inadequacy of law and the commissions are expected to furnish the deficiency.

No man favoring this movement; so far as I know, has any desire or in any way intends to interfere with the treaties being carried out to the letter.

There are Indian governments in several states in the union and yet there is no clash.

The treaties provide for the disorganization of the Indian government in a few years, and organization of statehood now would rid these people to become citizens of the United States if they desire, and participate in making the laws that will surround them when their governments have passed.

Their lands cannot be taxed so long as they own them. Schools will be opened far superior to the ones they now have. Roads will be built and public conveniences will spring up on every hand that will be to their benefit.

The convention will be composed of delegates favorable to single statehood so that it will not be a question as to whether single or double statehood is preferable. The question will be how can we bring about the desired end. Ways, means, methods and policies will be discussed, and I prophesy that no convention yet held will do the people as much good as the one to be held on December 10.

Flynn Has Plans.

At Anadarko He Studies the Situation in Detail.

Anadarko, Nov 19.

But little progress is being made in the allotment of the Kiowa and Comanche lands, owing to the lack of an appropriation to carry out the provisions of the law.

Delegate Flynn came here a few days ago to study the situation so as to determine what legislation will be needed, although he has been bedfast a good part of the time since his arrival.

He has gone over the situation and will push the needed legislation through congress as speedily as possible. It is hoped the necessary law may be put through by the middle of January, but it will probably be February before the necessary laws are enacted.

When the bill was passed it was impossible to secure an appropriation to carry out its provisions. It was deemed best just to work as fast as possible under the general appropriation, which was only \$20,000 for allotting purposes for the entire Indian service. The secretary therefore sent out a couple of agents to prepare the rolls and get all preliminary work in order.

This has been done and a few allotments have been made, but the agents are not so handicapped, owing to the absence of an adequate surveying force that little progress is being made.

Mr. Flynn hopes to get an appropriation through by the middle of January but it may be late in February before the bill becomes a law. It will take a couple of weeks to put surveyors in the field and two months to the allotment. After that it will take six weeks to approve the allotment.

Additional legislation will also be needed to establish counties and county seats. The bill provide also for a new land district.

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